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Upcoming Events

1. Lunch at Second Annual United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights (2 December, Geneva)

All Local Network representatives attending the second annual Forum on Business and Human Rights are welcome to join a lunch the Global Compact Office is hosting for Human Rights and Labour Working Group members. The lunch will be held on 2 December from 12 – 14:30 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

Please RSVP to Ms. Clare Conroy (Conroy@unglobalcompact.org) by 20 November.

2. Upcoming Regional Meetings for Africa/MENA (20 – 21 February, Ghana)

The African/MEAN Regional meeting is scheduled to be held from 20 February to 21 February in Ghana. Please mark your calendars. Further details about the meeting will be sent to all relevant Local Networks in coming days.

Engagement Opportunities

1. Call for Nominations: The Oslo Business for Peace Awards

The UN Global Compact’s Business for Peace platform – a business leadership platform launched by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon – is partnering with the Oslo Business for Peace Awards to annually highlight the commitments of individual business leaders to create long-term success for their companies and society. Local Networks have an opportunity to recognize and draw global attention to the achievements of participants in their network who have made an outstanding contribution to peace.

Local Networks are invited to suggest 1-3 business leaders from your country as proposed nominees for the Oslo Business for Peace Awards based on the nomination criteria. Nominations will be accepted until 20 December.

For more information, please contact Mr. Jeffrey French (french@unglobalcompact.org)

2. Call for Nominations: The Women’s Empowerment Principles Leadership Awards

As announced in the last monthly update, the deadline for nominations for the Women’s Empowerment Principles (WEPs) Leadership Awards has been extended until 2 December. Local Networks are encouraged to mobilize local companies to apply for the Awards, which highlight concrete actions taken to implement the WEPs and advance and empower women. The global Awards – to be given at the WEPs annual meeting (6 March, UN Headquarters, New York) – highlight concrete and innovative actions taken to advance the WEPs.

Visit our website to download the nomination form and learn more about the Awards.

For further questions, please contact Ms. Tulsi Byrne (byrne@unglobalcompact.org).

3. Call for Partnership: Collaborate with the Global Compact Office to Deliver COP Training Webinars Targeted to Your Local Market in 2014

The GCO plans to complement its global COP training webinars for business participants with ones that target specific markets (e.g., a particular country, geographic region or linguistic group). Areas where there is (1) high potential interest and impact among business participants, plus (2) a Local Network that plans to convene participants and replicate trainings in its market(s) will be prioritized. The GCO will work with Local Networks to prepare them to deliver or co-deliver the training, navigate the webinar platform and contextualize the global materials.
If your network is interested in partnering with the GCO on COP training in 2014, please contact Ms. Sarah Bostwick (bostwick@unglobalcompact.org) or Ms. Ana Blanco (blanco@unglobalcompact.org).

4. Call for Collaboration: The Collaboration with Rotary International

In light of shared interests, the UNGC has renewed its collaboration with Rotary International at the global level and both organizations are interested to explore opportunities for closer collaboration locally as well. In this context, please take a look at a letter to Local Networks about the collaboration and a fact sheet about Rotary. We invite you to consider reaching out to Rotary in your country or being receptive if they reach out to your Network to share information about plans of interest to both organizations and, where relevant, invite each other to events. Depending on what your Network is working on, they may also be able to assist you in some way.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Florencia Librizzi (librizzi@unglobalcompact.org).

For Your Information

1. Communication on Engagement Policy (COE) Entered into Effect on 31 October 2013

As announced to all Local Networks and non-business participants through various LN Updates, webinars, Monthly Bulletins and a press release, the Communication on Engagement Policy (COE) entered into effect on 31 October 2013. The COE offers non-business participants the opportunity to engage more actively in the initiative and to better connect with business participants. The COE introduces clear engagement activities for each non-business organization type and a reporting component that serves as a tool for transparency and disclosure on the ways non-business participants support the Global Compact. In the spirit of continuous improvement and engagement, non-business participants will be required to disclose specific activities in support of the initiative to stakeholders every two years, as well as results. Changes were also introduced to the Letter of Commitment for non-business organizations to include the commitment to communicate on engagement every two years, and to the application form to include evidence of the legality of the organization. Learn about and read the COE policy.

For more information, please contact Ms. Ana Blanco (blanco@unglobalcompact.org) or participants@unglobalcompact.org.

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